

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 are allowed. Minor amendments are made to some of the allowed claims, to improve form.

New claims 13-34 are added. Support for the new claims is found, for example, on page 15, line 3, to page 19, line 27, of the specification.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-34 are currently pending.

II. IDS

An IDS was filed concurrently herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge the IDS.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

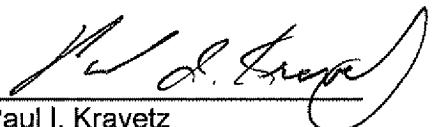
If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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